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## The Mormons and Arizona.

A New York paper—the *Tribune*, recently received a letter from Salt Lake, Utah, which states that "Brigham Young has sent a party to select a location in Arizona, where Mormons who favor polygamy can retire; and that there is a probability that the polygamy doctrine will be abandoned soon in Utah." This may, or may not be so. We rather think, however, that before long, many Mormons will cross the line of our Territory, and settle in it, and we are of opinion that they would be welcomed by our people, more especially were they to mind their own business, aid us in developing the resources of the Territory and subduing the Indians. The men of Arizona would soon settle the polygamy business, by marrying all the surplus women the Mormons might bring here. Under our laws, no man would be allowed to have more than one wife, and our bachelors would be pretty certain to have said laws enforced. But, if the Mormons think they can come here, practice polygamy and "rule the roost," they are mistaken. We do not want them to come, with these notions in their heads.

**SELLING CADETSHIPS.**—If the present Congress does its duty, some three or four of its unworthy members will be speedily expelled, for selling military and naval cadetships. Congressman Whittemore, having been unable to dodge the evidence, has admitted his guilt, but pleaded in extenuation thereof, that some of the money received by him was used for political purposes, and the balance divided among the poor of his district. Guess he considered himself the poorest man in his district, and donated it to himself.

**THE PUEBLO (Colorado) Chieftain,** says: "The Legislature organized two new counties—Bent, including the Bent's Fort portion of Pueblo county, and Greenwood, including Kit Carson."

The town of "Kit Carson," is, we believe, the present terminus of the Kansas Pacific Railway.

**SOME WALKING.**—An Englishman, named John Sheppard, walked one hundred hours, recently, at Memphis, Tennessee. He was allowed fifteen minutes rest every twenty-four hours. The task almost killed him.

**LEGAL TENDERS.**—We are glad to note an upward tendency in the value of tenders, and hope that not many months will elapse before they will be quoted at par. The *San Francisco Call*, of February 23d, which, by the way, is the latest paper received from that city, quotes tenders as follows: Buying, 84½; selling, 85.

An exchange says: "A society of Hicksite Quakers in Richmond, Ind., has made five hundred garments to be distributed among the Western Indians." When will some Eastern society do something for the thousands of poor whites that have been robbed by Western Indians? Never, it is feared.

The liberality of printers is proverbial. One day recently, the types of *San Francisco* subscribed over \$300, for the benefit of Mrs. Ryan, the mother of the child who was recently outraged and murdered by the brute Quinn.

GOVERNOR HAIGHT, of California, has put his veto on the bill for the relief of Hall & Garrison, for the destruction of their printing office, during the war.

An enlightened member of the Colorado Legislature recently announced himself in favor of "puttin' wimen onto an eskalibrem with men."

J. M. COTTEN.—A. G. Hunter, of Niles, Michigan, is anxious to learn the whereabouts of one J. M. Cotten.

On the night of February 20, Wm. Booth, of Fall River, Rhode Island, shot his brother, and afterwards poisoned himself.

PRESIDENT GRANT has approved the Military Appropriation bill.

A BALTIMORE despatch, of February 22d, says "Governor Seward and party arrived this afternoon on the steamer *Cuba* from Havana. The ex-Secretary is in excellent health and spirits."

TEXAS has ratified the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution, because, of course, she had to do so.

## Legal Tenders Doomed.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court, says the *San Francisco Call*, of a recent date, concerning Legal Tender Notes, assumes more important proportions daily. The accounts from the Eastern States go to show that the decision is considered equivalent to a condemnation of Legal Tender Notes—that they can only be issued as a war measure, hence no increase of the amount outstanding can take place. A correspondent in writing for a morning journal from Washington, under date of February 9th, says:

The Republican members of Congress do not seem to be pleased with the recent decision of the Supreme Court, as it appears to be the general opinion that if the question had actually been before them, the Court would have decided against the constitutionality of the Legal Tender Acts. Mr. Ingersoll, of Illinois, made two unsuccessful efforts in the House of Representatives, yesterday, to introduce a Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, authorizing the issuing of Legal Tender Notes. The influence of the decision, it is said, will also be felt in the Senate, when acting upon the confirmation of the nominations of Judges Strong and Bradley. Some of the Senators are reported to have said that they must have some assurance that the proposed new Judges will sustain the Legal Tender Act before they can get their votes for confirmation.

Of course a decision to the effect that Legal Tender Notes cannot be issued except in times of war, will not destroy the value of such notes, but it will put an end to their further issue, and the country will have to return to a specie basis within a reasonable length of time. The only way in which an inflation of the currency can be continued, must be through notes to be issued by National Banks. The *New York Tribune* says:

The opinion does not go to the question of the right to make United States notes a legal tender in all contracts made after the passage of the bill, but its general tendency is plain. "Get your houses in order" is the meaning of the warning sounded to the whole business community from the Bench of the Supreme Court. This decision means a speedy resumption of specie payment.

**FROM BRAZIL.**—The steamer *Rickard* arrived at New York, from Rio Janeiro, a short time ago. She brought several Americans, who emigrated to Brazil after the close of the late war, and who have returned home destitute. Indeed, we are told that the Brazilian Government paid their passage back. The steamer brought news to the effect that Lopez, the Paraguayan leader, or outlaw, was still at large. A recent Brazilian scout into his country found 1,000 women in a starving condition, only 100 of whom had strength to come away. They also report having found the roads lined with the bodies of women killed by the scouts of Lopez. But, the story is too horrible for belief, and may have been manufactured out of whole cloth by the Brazilian Government.

THE *San Francisco Bulletin* has another libel suit on its hands. This time it is Robert Barton, a mining engineer and expert, that bears down on the *Bulletin*. He lays his damages at \$50,000. The offense charged against the paper is the publication of a certain despatch, sent by Barton, from White Pine, to somebody in the city. Mr. B. resided in this part of Arizona a short time. Fifty thousand dollars would help him along greatly.

NEAR LINCOLN, Illinois, February 18, a farmer named J. L. Phipps shot his wife through the head, and then blew his own brains out.

COMMODORE STEPHEN CHAMPLAIN, the last surviving Commodore in the battle of Lake Erie, and who commanded the *Scorpion*, from which the first and last shot of the battle was fired, died at Buffalo, New York, February 21st.

FEBRUARY 21st, a party of Indians attacked the men at a station on the Union Pacific Railroad, and were driven off. The whites then started for another station, on a hand-car, to report. The Indians pursued them, on horseback, and a running fight was kept up until the aborigines grew tired.

GEORGE H. EDMUNDS, a noted violinist, died at Walla Walla, Oregon, recently.

WELLS, FARGO & Co., were recently robbed of \$5,000, in the "honest" State of Nevada.

GOVERNOR HAIGHT, of California, is accused of harboring a desire to occupy Cole's seat in the U. S. Senate. Perhaps, he wishes to secure it for a coaling station.

SENSATIONAL.—The *Los Angeles News* accuses the *San Francisco Bulletin* of starting a sensational rumor to the effect that the Irish mean to "clean-out" the Chinese on St. Patrick's day. We have an idea that the *Bulletin* people would like to see the fun.

At Sacramento, California, a short time ago, a carpenter, while walking along one of the streets, carelessly ejected a mouthful of tobacco juice on the fine velvet cloak of a lady who was passing. Result—Mr. Carpenter had to pay \$15 damages.

GEORGE H. HAND has been appointed Secretary of Dakota Territory.

## Arizona and Arizonians.

We find the following, about Arizona and Arizonians, in recent Washington correspondence of the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

Governor Safford was not directly promised the co-operation of the Senate Military Committee in passing a law for raising volunteers in that Territory. The Committee has since finally determined upon its statements that something should be done to make a more effectual war on the Apaches, and the probabilities are that the present regular corps now there will be filled to their maximum quota. Ex-Gov. McCormick's latest move is for a geological survey of the Territory, to develop the mineral resources, which he says are not excelled by any Western State. Judge Reavis, District Attorney Rowell, James Grant and Heyman Mannasse are here. The latter has been appointed Postmaster at Wickenburg.

We have always believed that the right to raise volunteers would not be given our Governor, and really, it is not necessary that it should, so long as there are thousands of regular troops scattered over the Atlantic States, doing nothing. Of course, the filling up of the companies here would enable commanders to do something towards subduing the savages. But, that would not be enough. There should be another cavalry regiment in the Territory, if Government really cares to subdue the Indians, and "let us have peace." The Territory is large; the Apaches numerous, and scattered all over it, in small bands. We have every reason to hope that General Sherman will soon give us more troops.

**POSTAL MATTERS.**—It is not known here yet who have and have not been awarded contracts for carrying the U. S. mails in this Territory. They were, we presume, let at Washington, on the first instant, and next mail may bring us the names of the successful parties. We have heard that Wells, Fargo & Co. intended to bid for the Prescott and San Bernardino route, and our people would be hugely pleased to know that they had secured it, for then, their reason, coaches would be run by them from Prescott to Albuquerque, which would place the Northern portion of the Territory in direct communication with the East. The old contractors have been carrying the mails pretty regularly for some time past, but complaints are made that they have not furnished proper facilities for the accommodation of the traveling public. There should be a No. 1 stage line upon the route spoken of. It would pay well, and be of great benefit to the country.

**MAIL IRREGULARITIES.**—We would like to know the reason why subscribers to the *Miner*, at Camp McDowell, Pima Villages and other points south have failed to receive the papers sent them from this office. Recently, we have received letters from subscribers at these places, complaining about the matter, and, knowing that their papers have been forwarded regularly from this office, we call the attention of the proper persons to the matter. It is too bad that men cannot receive papers for which they have paid, when Government pays other men for carrying them to them. Complaints are also made that letters sent by the route alluded to have been detained and lost on the way. We, ourselves, have started letters for Tucson, that never reached their destination.

**PIMA COUNTY ITEMS.**—The *Arizonian*, of February 19th, for the first time, admits the prevalence of small-pox in Tucson, and says the "disease is slowly but surely spreading through the town; and as it grows older, continues to assume a more malignant character." Mr. Coldwell, a printer, while suffering from the disease, strayed out into the country and died. His body had been found; the flesh torn off by wild beasts and vultures. Some of the citizens were talking of establishing a pest-house, a thing they should have done long ago. Mr. Warner, who was wounded by Indians some time ago, had arrived from Sonora, under escort of Mexican cavalry.

**COL. REDWOOD PRICE.**—A great many citizens of Mohave county have signed a petition to General Ord, praying that officer to allow Col. Redwood Price, of the Eighth Cavalry, to remain in the Territory, believing that, if permitted to do so, he would, inside of a year, conquer a peace with the Apaches, judging from his past success in bringing the Wallapais to terms. Col. Price has done well for the country and Territory, and the *Miner* joins the petitioners in their request that he may be retained here.

The people of the entire Territory would also like to see Gen. Thomas C. Devin remain where he is until the Apaches are brought to terms.

**THE Grand Musical Festival**, for the benefit of the Mercantile Library, San Francisco, opened brilliantly and had promised to prove a success.

**FEMALE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**—Acting Governor Lee, of Wyoming, has recently appointed two women Justices of the Peace for one of the counties of that Territory.

VALLEJO, California, was visited by fire, on the evening of the 20th ult. It did not do much damage.

The Supreme Court has decided that divorces granted in Indiana are valid.

GENERAL REYNOLDS, an officer of the Federal army, who has had full sway in Texas during the reconstruction period, refuses to be sent to the U. S. Senate from that State, saying that his "convictions of right and propriety preclude the acceptance of the proposed honor." He does not think his stay in Texas, as military officer, charged with the duty of enforcing the Reconstruction Acts, constitutes a residence contemplated by the Constitution.

**SAN DIEGO.**—The enterprising mortals of San Diego, California, having failed to build a railroad on the 32d parallel, are now talking of building one to Los Angeles, and have, actually, according to the *Union*, raised a few dollars for that purpose. Of course, the road cannot be built without aid from San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, and from what we know, that aid will not be forthcoming. Better spend the money upon the proposed wagon-road to the Colorado.

**THE MINES OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA.**—Although but little has recently been said regarding the rich mines of Southern Arizona, there is, we believe, a probability that some of them will soon be worked. The *San Diego Union*, of February 24, notices the arrival at that place, from England, of General Ripley, and two English experts, who, it says, came over for the purpose of examining the afore-mentioned mines, and reporting upon them.

GOVERNOR SAFFORD is in Washington; the whole country well knows that McCormick is in Washington; Gen. Sherman and the Secretary of War are in Washington, of course; President Grant is in Washington. Tucson *Arizonian*, Feb. 19th.

Goodness, gracious! what a wonderful man you must be! What astounding information to impart to the whole country! Wonder how in thunder one small head carried so much knowledge. McCormick is in Washington, and the whole country knows it. Thank the newspaper correspondent for that! The country is safe! Bully-bueno. "Bress de Lord and Massa Greeley."

**THE RAILROAD.**—Prominent, well-posted and far-seeing Arizonians feel confident that the California end of the Thirty-fifth Parallel Railroad will, inside of the next fifteen months, be constructed as far as the Colorado. There is, too, every probability that in that time, the Kansas Pacific or Atlantic and Pacific companies, will be on hand with their locomotives, to greet the Californians.

**GOOD NEWS.**—California, from the Sierras to the Colorado Desert, has recently been drenched with rain, and her people rejoiced much thereof.

**DEATH OF ANSON BURLINGAME.**—The telegraph reports the death of Anson Burlingame, at St. Petersburg, Russia, on the morning of February 24.

A RECENT despatch from the Atlantic side says: "President Grant, the Empress Eugenie, William B. Astor, A. T. Stewart, Erasmus Corning, Daniel Drew and William H. Seward, are all said to have engaged cottages at Saratoga for next season."

Sorry the operator forgot to state that several noted Arizonians (7), including Sam. Adams, R. C. McCormick, Judges Turner and Reavis, have engaged "wickets" at the head of Salt River, for next season.

MAJOR GENERAL E. O. C. Ord, commanding the Department of California, arrived at Camp McDowell, February 25th, and left next day for the Southern part of the Territory.

MUNSEN, the bold Democratic Congressman from Ohio, has been lacerating our Radical rulers, and they are after his scalp. They want a recent six-column speech of his expunged from the *Globe*. Pity the Radicals can't stand the fire from Munsen's Democratic battery.

**FLOOD IN MAINE.**—A despatch from Augusta, Maine, of February 1st, says:

"The freshest to-day was the most destructive ever known on the Kennebec River. The water rose twenty-five feet above low-water mark, causing immense damage here and all along the river. In Hallowell the whole business portion of Water street is overflowed; some stores have six feet of water on the first floor. One to two hundred houses floated from their foundations and were overturned. Many families are homeless."

FEBRUARY 21st, a snow-slide occurred at Strong's Canyon, on the Central Pacific Railroad, California, carrying away about one hundred feet of the snow-sheds, and blocking the road.

GERMANY promises to send us large numbers of immigrants the coming year.

A CHUNK of amalgam worth \$2,700, the proceeds of thirty-two tons of quartz, was taken from the old Wood House mine, Calaveras county, California, a few weeks ago.

ARIZONA progresses in spite of adverse circumstances. Her mines produce more than \$1,000,000 annually, while she raises almost enough grain, according to the Prescott *Miner*, to feed the troops, the Apaches, and the citizenry.—*San Diego Union*.

BALTIMORE, Maryland, is growing rapidly.

## A Question of Veracity.

It becomes our "painful" duty to inform the readers of the *Miner* that there now exists, between the editors of two prominent (?) journals—the *Tucson Arizonian*, and *San Diego Bulletin*, on the one part, and Governor A. P. K. Safford, on the other part, a question of veracity, and that in our opinion, the Governor has convicted, or can convict, the aforesaid sheets, of deliberately, wilfully and maliciously misrepresenting him. But, of that, our readers can form their own opinion, after perusing the following:

**HEAVY.**—It is reported on the streets that Safford, Governor of Arizona, during his late visit at San San Diego, has declared his intention to become a champion of the 33th parallel case. We recollect that while on his way to Arizona, he expressed himself very warmly in favor of the 32d, and we leave our readers to draw their own conclusions in regard to the policy he intends pursuing in Washington. We recommended him to the tender mercies of McCormick. What says our Tucson contemporary.—*San Diego Bulletin*.

Well, we are of opinion that the street rumor referred to must be at fault. Governor Safford, while in Arizona, evinced at all times a decided partiality for the 32d parallel route; having observed, as no man of sound judgment can fail to observe, that the construction of a road over this route will give to our Territory a degree of importance not to be obtained by any other measure within the sphere of imagination. We do not speak upon the subject under any other assumption than that the rumor is absolutely without foundation; as our imagination is quite unable to picture any cause which could induce the Governor to abandon a revealed fact for the sake of a doubtful enterprise.—*Tucson Arizonian*.

THE *Miner* copied the above extract from the *San Diego Bulletin*, and said, "Now, we don't believe that our Governor declared his intention to champion any particular route, but have an idea that his visit to Central Arizona opened his eyes, and he will, in all probability, be found working side by side, with the intelligent, honest men who favor the building of a Southern Pacific Railroad upon the shortest and best route—which, all know, is the 33th." While not prepared to assert, flatfootedly, that Governor Safford has labored for the Thirty-fifth; his recent letter to the *Arizonian*, which we print below, proves, conclusively that the *Arizonian* and *Bulletin* have misrepresented him. But, here is the letter:

WASHINGTON, January 24, 1870.

**Editor Arizonian.**—I notice an extract in the *Arizonian* of December 25th, which is likely to create an erroneous impression in regard to my views and action toward the Southern Pacific Railroad. In a speech I made at Prescott, before leaving the Territory, I used the following language: "But thanks to kind Providence, we can offer to the government and the country at least two routes that are free from winter snows, with milder grades and shorter distance; and here let me say, speaking of the two routes, that I have no choice between them. I believe that they are both feasible and excellent; and I am for both of them. I shall favor the one that has the strongest support in Congress and the most prospect of being built. Either road will be of incalculable benefit to the whole country, and both roads will be built." If any one says I am a friend to the 32d parallel road, that is true; and if any one says I am a friend to the 33d parallel road, that is equally true; but, if any one says I am opposed to either, or any road that will pass through Arizona, it is untrue. It does not matter so much what particular parallel the road follows, but it is necessary to the salvation of the country that we have a road through the Territory. Let it run where it may, it will bring with it a population that will settle and develop the resources of the whole country, and will settle our Indian difficulties forever. I think it is bad policy for those interested in either these enterprises to attempt to build up their own by tearing down the other. For my part, I say God speed the efforts of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, that is now laying the iron banks from Sheridan towards our Territory; and God speed the efforts of Gen. Fremont & Co., who are now working on the great road from Memphis to El Paso. And may the time soon come when the road will be pointing towards us from San Diego, and down the Visalia valley. I have no interest in any of these proposed roads except my interest for Arizona. I would not throw a straw in the way of any of them, and he who would is an enemy to the best interest of the Territory. I think I may say that Gov. McCormick fully concurs with me in these views.

A. P. K. SAFFORD.

A MEMPHIS (Tennessee) despatch of February 11, says:

"The steamer *Maggie Hayes* of New Orleans, for Pittsburgh, blew up at about six p. m. near Helena, at two o'clock, yesterday p. m., killing Captain Martin, the second engineer and eight deck hands. The second clerk was badly scalded. The passengers are all saved. The boat and cargo are a total loss. A pleasure party from Cincinnati were aboard and all escaped."

WASHINGTON, February 21.—In the House, among the bills introduced were the following: To pay loyal citizens of Tennessee for property taken by the military; for the settlement of the expenses and bounty of troops; for erecting public buildings in San Francisco; to grant aid for the construction of a railroad from Vallejo to Humboldt; to settle the title to Goat Island, San Francisco Bay; abolishing the Bureau of Education and Freedmen's Bureau; to remove political disabilities in States ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment; making it a misdemeanor to fit out ships or sell any munitions of war whatever to be employed in the service of any foreign power against the people of any province, district or colony in armed insurrection against such foreign power; to abolish the office of Pension Agent, and provide for the payment of pensions through Postmasters, and reducing the income tax to three per cent, and exempting \$2,000 therefrom; increasing the whisky tax to \$1 per gallon; incorporating the Southern Transcontinental Railroad and granting lands in aid thereof; granting aid to Oregon for the construction of a steamboat canal around the falls of Wallamet. This was adopted.

A MARRIED lady in St. Paul, Minnesota, has been in a trance state for six weeks, and her husband refuses to send for a doctor. He says he intends to enjoy a quiet time as long as possible.